

**INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
5<sup>th</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2009 - 3:00 P.M.

The International Bridge Commission met at the above place and date.

**Item 1: Call to Order**

Jorge Salom called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Those present were:

**Jorge Salom, Vice-Chair** - (Mayor John Cook)  
**Sergio Chiu** - D-4 (Rep. Carl Robinson)  
**Christopher Oliveras** – D-2 (Rep. Susie Byrd)  
**Angel F. Quintana** – D-5 (Rep. Rachel Quintana)  
**Miguel Escoto** – D-8 (Rep. Beto O'Rourke)  
**Peta A. Ocegueda** – D-7 (Rep. Steve Ortega)

**ABSENT:**

**VACANT** – D1 (Rep. Ann Morgan Lilly)  
**VACANT** – D-3 (Rep. Emma Acosta)  
**VACANT**, D-6 (Rep. Eddie Holguin)

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ray Mendoza, International Bridges  
Josette Flores, City Attorney  
Said Labri Cherif – International Bridges  
Eddie Romero - International Bridges  
Jane Shang – Deputy City Manager

**Item 2: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

Mr. Angel F. Quintana was voted unanimously as chair of the IBC board. Mr. Jorge Salom was voted unanimously as vice-chair of the IBC board.

**Item 3: Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 17, 2009**

Motion made by Mr. Ocegueda, seconded by Mr. Salom and carried to table the approval of the minutes to the last meeting of February 17, 2009.

**AYES:** Mr. Chiu, Mr. Olivares, Mr. Escoto, Mr. Ocegueda

**NAYS:** None

**Item 4: Bridge Management Report.**

**Item #A Monthly Traffic and Revenue Report**

Mr. Said Larbi-Cherif stated that commercial crossings were good. In September, October, November and December of 2009 they were down. Passenger vehicle traffic was low due to perception of security, relating to people's fear of carjacking. The decrease in traffic is starting to moderate. Commercial traffic is down but passenger traffic is starting to come back. Mr. Jorge Salmon asked about the toll rate increase. Mr. Miguel Escoto asked how the increase is calculated. Mr. Ray Mendoza responded and explained how the toll system operates. There was a general discussion about wait times at the bridges and parking meter revenue.

Item #B: Update on Stanton and Santa Fe Improvement Projects

Mr. Said Larbi-Cherif commented on the selection of a public artist for mural and a sculptor and is waiting for an artist proposal. There was a discussion regarding the artist cost and selection of a well-known artist to draw public to the bridge. Discussion continued regarding a transfer center tie-in, the budget allowance and security.

Item #C: Update on New Commuter POE Project and the Bi-National Bridges and Border Crossings Meeting, Divisadero, Chihuahua and Brownsville, Texas

Mr. Said Larbi-Cherif commented on the POE project and the status thereof. He also informed the commission about the meeting of the Bi-National Bridges.

Item #D: Update on Zaragoza POE Expansion Project

Item #E: Update on Strategic Plan for International Bridges

Item #F Update on IBC Recommendations to City Council

**Item 5: GSA Project at the Paso Del Norte Bridge Status Report.**

Finished and open.

**Item 6: Potential Proposals for Shortening Wait Times at the Ports of Entry.**

Discussion regarding wait times at bridges, staffing problems with CBP.

**Item 7: Texas Open Meetings Act Presentation**

Motion made by Mr. Ocegueda, seconded by Mr. Salom and carried to table Item 7, Item 8 and Item 10 until the next commission meeting.

**AYES:** Mr. Quintana, Mr. Olivares, Mr. Chiu, Mr. Escoto

**NAYS:** None

**Item 9: 2009 Meeting Schedule, Meeting Topics and Visits to the International Bridges**

Motion made by Mr. Ocegueda, seconded by Mr. Olivares and carried to keep commission meetings monthly at the same days and times.

**AYES:** Mr. Quintana, Mr. Salom, Mr. Chiu, Mr. Escoto

**NAYS:** None

**Item 11: OPEN COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no open comments.

Motion made by Mr. Quintana, seconded by Mr. Ocegueda and carried to adjourn the meeting.

**AYES:** Mr. Salom, Mr. Chiu, Mr. Escoto, Mr. Olivares

**NAYS:** None

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

**Approved as to form:**

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